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**United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**  
**Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application**

**U.S. Application Serial No.** 97545056

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**Reference/Docket No.** N/A

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**NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**Response deadline.** File a response to this nonfinal Office action within three months of the “Issue date” below to avoid [abandonment](#) of the application. Review the Office action and respond using one of the links to the appropriate electronic forms in the “How to respond” section below.

**Request an extension.** For a fee, applicant may [request one three-month extension](#) of the response deadline prior to filing a response. The request must be filed within three months of the “Issue date” below. If the extension request is granted, the USPTO must receive applicant’s response to this letter within six months of the “Issue date” to avoid abandonment of the application.

**Issue date:** June 11, 2023

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES:**

- Identification of Goods and Services

## SEARCH OF USPTO DATABASE OF MARKS

The trademark examining attorney has searched the USPTO database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); TMEP §704.02.

## IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES

The identification of goods and services is indefinite and must be clarified because the exact nature of the goods is unclear. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(6); TMEP §1402.01. Applicant may adopt the following identification, if accurate:

International Class 009: **Downloadable** computer and mobile platform software for authoring (~~minting~~), editing, reviewing, and processing smart contracts, crypto currency and other virtual token transactions and agreements, and decentralized finance (DeFi) transactions and agreements

International Class 042: Software as a Service (SAAS) **featuring being** software for authoring (~~minting~~), editing, reviewing, and processing smart contracts, crypto currency and other virtual token transactions and agreements, and decentralized finance (DeFi) transactions and agreements

Applicant should note that the bolded language above is to indicate the examining attorney's suggestions. Applicant need not amend its identification other than where specified.

**Scope advisory.** Applicant may amend the identification to clarify or limit the goods and/or services, but not to broaden or expand the goods and/or services beyond those in the original application or as acceptably amended. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); TMEP §1402.06. Generally, any deleted goods and/or services may not later be reinserted. *See* TMEP §1402.07(e). For assistance with identifying and classifying goods and services in trademark applications, please see the USPTO's online searchable [U.S. Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual](#). *See* TMEP §1402.04.

## RESPONSES

Please call or email the assigned trademark examining attorney with questions about this Office action. Although an examining attorney cannot provide legal advice, the examining attorney can provide additional explanation about the refusal(s) and/or requirement(s) in this Office action. *See* TMEP §§705.02, 709.06.

The USPTO does not accept emails as responses to Office actions; however, emails can be used for informal communications and are included in the application record. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(c), 2.191; TMEP §§304.01-.02, 709.04-.05.

**How to respond.** File a [response form to this nonfinal Office action](#) or file a [request form for an extension of time to file a response](#).

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## RESPONSE GUIDANCE

- **Missing the deadline for responding to this letter will cause the application to [abandon](#).** A response or extension request must be received by the USPTO before 11:59 p.m. **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response deadline. Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) [system availability](#) could affect an applicant's ability to timely respond. For help resolving technical issues with TEAS, email [TEAS@uspto.gov](mailto:TEAS@uspto.gov).
- **[Responses signed by an unauthorized party](#) are not accepted and can cause the application to [abandon](#).** If applicant does not have an attorney, the response must be signed by the individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with [legal authority to bind a juristic applicant](#). If applicant has an attorney, the response must be signed by the attorney.
- If needed, **find [contact information for the supervisor](#)** of the office or unit listed in the signature block.

## United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

### USPTO OFFICIAL NOTICE

Office Action (Official Letter) has issued  
on June 11, 2023 for  
**U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97545056**

A USPTO examining attorney has reviewed your trademark application and issued an Office action. You must respond to this Office action to avoid your application abandoning. Follow the steps below.

- (1) **[Read the Office action](#)**. This email is NOT the Office action.
- (2) **Respond to the Office action by the deadline** using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). Your response, or extension request, must be received by the USPTO on or before 11:59 p.m. **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response deadline. Otherwise, your application will be [abandoned](#). See the Office action itself regarding how to respond.
- (3) **Direct general questions** about using USPTO electronic forms, the USPTO [website](#), the application process, the status of your application, and whether there are outstanding deadlines to the [Trademark Assistance Center \(TAC\)](#).

After reading the Office action, address any question(s) regarding the specific content to the USPTO examining attorney identified in the Office action.

### GENERAL GUIDANCE

- **[Check the status](#) of your application periodically** in the [Trademark Status & Document Retrieval \(TSDR\)](#) database to avoid missing critical deadlines.
- **[Update your correspondence email address](#)** to ensure you receive important USPTO notices about your application.
- **[Beware of trademark-related scams](#)**. Protect yourself from people and companies that may try to take financial advantage of you. Private companies may call you and pretend to be the USPTO or may send you communications that resemble official USPTO documents to trick you. We will never request your credit card number or social security number over the phone. Verify the correspondence originated from us by using your serial number in our database, [TSDR](#), to confirm that it appears under the “Documents” tab, or contact the [Trademark Assistance Center](#).
- **[Hiring a U.S.-licensed attorney](#)**. If you do not have an attorney and are not required to

have one under the trademark rules, we encourage you to hire a U.S.-licensed attorney specializing in trademark law to help guide you through the registration process. The USPTO examining attorney is not your attorney and cannot give you legal advice, but rather works for and represents the USPTO in trademark matters.